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Dear Sir:

The above-referenced patent application was filed on March 3, 2004. Since then, more than one and one-half years have elapsed, and no further communications have been received in regard to this application. The undersigned attorney respectfully requests that he be informed of the status of the referenced application.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is respectfully requested to acknowledge receipt of the enclosed documents by date stamping and returning the enclosed post card.

We look forward to receiving notice of the status of this application as soon as possible.

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